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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY SECRETARY DENT

REF: STATE 050600; SOFIA 0359(NOTAL); STATE 052515 (NOTAL);
BUCHAREST 01022

1. ZHIVKOV IS HEAD OF STATE AND I AM MOST RECLUCTANT TO GO TO GOB WITH FLAT TURN-DOWN ON THEIR SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARY DENT VISIT SOFIA SOMETIME DURING APRIL 13-15 PERIOD WHEN HE COULD BE RECEIVED BY ZHIVKOV. TO BE RECALLED IS SECRETARY DENT WILL BE ONLY THE SECOND US CABINET OFFICER TO VISIT BULGARIA SINCE WORLD WAR II AND PERHAPS EARLIER AND OUR POLICY (EUOPARA) CALLS FOR ENCOURAGING SENSE OF SOVERNEIGNTY AMONG EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES WHICH TURN DOWN NOT DESIGNED TO ENHANCE. IF WE IGNORE THESE FACTS, ONE HISTORICAL AND THE OTHER LONG RANGE POLICY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT VISIT MIGHT BECOME DISSERVICE TO U.S. INTERESTS.

2. SUGGEST FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE: SECRETARY AND PARTY SHOULD HOLD TO SCHEDULE OF APRIL 10-11 WITH SECRETARY DENT OFFERING TO FLY FROM BUCHAREST TO SOFIA ON APRIL 13 (WHICH ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE IS A FREE DAY SOLELY TO CALL ON ZHIVKOV AND AFTER MEETING
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FLY DIRECTLY BACK TO ROMANIA FOR REMAINDER OF WEEKEND. (ENTIRE TRIP

SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN FOUR HOURS.) BELIEVE OFFER WOULD BE
WELCOME GESTURE AND IF BULGARS CAN NOT ACCEPT THEN THERE
SHOULD BE NO HARD FEELINGS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY.
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